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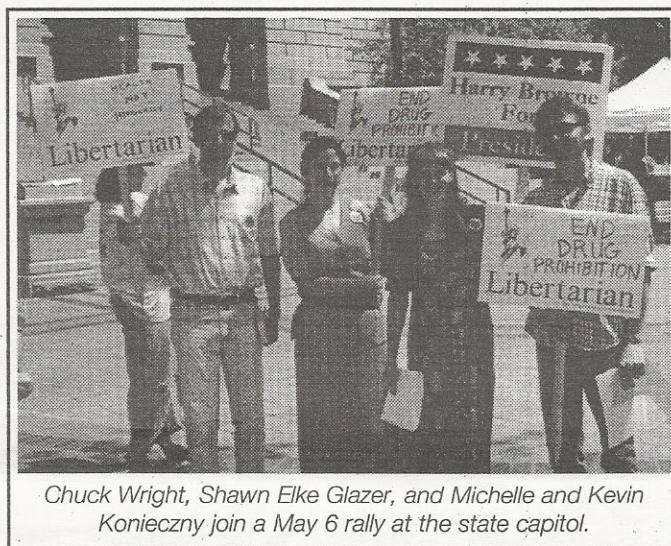
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## Libertarians Rally to End Drug Prohibition



Chuck Wright, Shawn Elke Glazer, and Michelle and Kevin Konieczny join a May 6 rally at the state capitol.

It must come to an end. That's what Libertarian Michelle Konieczny said of drug prohibition to a crowd of around 120 on Saturday, May 6 at the "Millennium Marijuana March." Other Libertarians held signs and handed out literature at the event, held on the steps of the State Capitol. Konieczny and Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer gave rousing speeches, encouraging participants to get active in the Libertarian Party's efforts to end the drug war and restore civil liberties damaged by that war.

Glazer and Chuck Wright, both running for the Colorado legislature as Libertarians, provided quotes for a May 7 article by Dan Luzadder in the *Rocky Mountain News*, Colorado's largest newspaper. Wright said the drug war often results in heavier prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders than for rapists and murderers. Dr. Glazer said, "I'm not allowed to even talk about the potential benefits of marijuana to my medical patients — like nausea control for cancer patients — because of the hysteria about the drug."

Konieczny drew cheers and applause when she reminded the crowd that Libertarian Presidential candidates have promised to pardon non-violent drug offenders if elected.

Almost 10 people registered Libertarian at the event, while scores more took LP flyers and voter registration forms. Party members also handed out hundreds of flyers at the Cinco de Mayo celebration taking place in the park near the Capitol. "End the drug war — vote Libertarian," they said. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive.

Jack Woehr of the Colorado Hemp Initiative invited LP members to speak at the event. Christie Donner of the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center also spoke, as did Laura Kriho, considered a hero in Libertarian circles for her efforts to defend jury rights.

Representative Penfield Tate, a Democrat, suggested the legislature should "study" the drug war and sentencing policies. But Libertarians see the harms of drug prohibition as obvious and severe and call for its immediate repeal.

## Libertarians Join Armed Informed Moms

On Mother's Day, May 14, Libertarians joined hundreds of civil arms advocates gathered at City Park in Denver for the Armed Informed Mothers March.

Shawn Glazer, candidate for House District 24, got major press coverage with her doll carrying a miniature firearm and Constitution. Joe Johnson and Elizabeth Bennett carried a huge Libertarian banner.

The event was sponsored by Second Amendment Sisters and Rocky Mountain Gun Owners. At the same time, the so-called "Million Mom March" held a rally at Civic Park Near the Capitol. There, Libertarians and other groups counter-demonstrated.

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## Notes from the Chair:

Dear Friends,

This issue of the *Liberty* deals with the Second Amendment extensively, as have several issues in the last few months. The gun laws and violations of the Second Amendment are important here in Colorado right now. Many Republicans feel betrayed by Governor Owens. Many Democrats think things have gone too far without any improvement in safety. Gun laws are a pivotal issue this year.

Libertarians understand the Second Amendment is our means to defend our other rights. Once that right is lost, the other rights are sure to fall. We have joined forces with other groups to fight for the right to keep our means of defense. Much is happening in this area this year, which is why the *Liberty* is covering the issue.

This does not mean that we have forgotten all the other issues the Libertarian Party works so hard on. Another fruit picking event to protest anti-immigration policies is scheduled in August, this time with a picnic and possible speaker. Watch for more information in the next *Liberty*. There has been and will be support for the new Bruce tax cut. We have people working on school issues throughout the state and people watching city councils for excess regulation. Civil forfeitures and other violations of search and seizure protections have not been forgotten. Nor will we ignore the fight against socialized medicine and other important issues.

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The campaign season is now underway. We still have over 50 open races which need candidates. There is a support team ready to help candidates with paperwork, filings, press kits, signs, and web pages. If you can run for an office, the party needs you. If you can't run, please consider helping out with some of our active campaigns. For a list of these campaigns, call me at 303.639.5530 or Norm Olsen at 303.353.9090.

What if you can't run, don't live near enough to help out with a campaign, and haven't the money to send for support, but you still want to help? What can you do? I have been working on the Sakson for US Congress campaign and here are a few things we need and I suspect other campaigns need as well.

**Slogans** – The Maggert campaign used the slogan 'Live and Let Live' which played very well. The Sakson

campaign will use the slogan 'Enough is Enough.' We need catchy slogans that are only a few words long. The best are ones that express our position like the Maggert slogan or one that can be used as a tag line like the Sakson slogan. ("We have over two million people in jail with almost 40% of them serving time for nonviolent drug offenses. Enough is enough.") Send your ideas to me, Norm Olsen, and Tom Goonan.

**Media contacts** – Do you know someone on the radio or a newspaper columnist who seems to lean our way? Send his name and his office address to us. We also need to constantly update our media list. Take a few minutes and send us the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the papers, radio stations, and TV stations in your city, county, or general area.

**Speaking engagements** – Many groups look for speakers. We have people willing and ready to speak. Send us the names and contact information on organizations like Rotary clubs, Optimist clubs, and other organizations in your area. Please don't forget young people's organizations.

**Special talents** – A campaign has many needs, from fundraising to graphic design to meetings to writing position papers. Do you or someone you know own a restaurant, screen printing business, copy shop, or other business that might be useful during a campaign? Send us the information. Can you or someone you know write position papers or do graphic design? Send us the information. Many of our candidates don't know where to look for these things. Let's make it easy for them by letting them know where to find us.

**Statistics and other useful information** – You know what the issues are. Have you seen something in the paper that supports our position? Did you hear something on the news? Perhaps you even have time to search the web. Please send us any information on ANY issue that might help our candidates support the Libertarian position. The information should be short, to the point and should include the reference information.

These are a few of the things you can do to help our candidates get our message out. Remember, even if we don't win ALL our races, pulling the debate in our direction will mean more freedom for more people.

If all of us pull together, we can ring the bell of freedom across Colorado.

BetteRose

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# Spirited LP Speakers Capture Attention

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*The following speeches were given on May 6 at the Millennium Marijuana March.*

by Michelle Konieczny

The prohibition of drugs in America must come to an end. The violence that prohibition has brought, the violations of our privacy and our civil liberties, must come to an end.

The early release of violent criminals to make room for nonviolent offenders, must come to an end. The abuse of power by a government that tells us what we can and cannot grow on our own land, must come to an end. The abuse of power by a government that tells its ailing citizens what medications they can and cannot use to ease their suffering, must come to an end.

Its about time for legislators to repeal the prohibition of drugs. When are those in power going to accept the reality that the prohibition on drugs is more of a threat to our safety and our society than any drug ever could be?

I don't think those in power today will ever repeal prohibition. They won't end prohibition because the Democrats like the power that it gives to the federal government, and we all know how Washington likes to flex its muscles don't we? They won't end prohibition because the Republicans love to use it as an excuse to invade your personal life, to make your choices for you, to legislate their morality upon you.

So what are we to do if those in power are unwilling to end the prohibition on drugs? What can we do if the Republicans and Democrats refuse to uphold the Constitution? You can vote Libertarian. You can vote for a Libertarian Presidential candidate who has promised that on his first day in office he will pardon everyone who has ever been convicted of a nonviolent federal drug offense.

Only Libertarians know and are willing to acknowledge the fact that you know how to run your life, better than any government ever could. If you truly want prohibition to end, you must vote Libertarian in November because we are the only party who is willing to end drug prohibition now, and restore the rights that were guaranteed to us by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Together we can make 2000 the year prohibition comes to an end. Together we can make inaugural day a homecoming for thousands of families.

You have a choice this year that could allow you to make all the choices in your own life without the fear or threat of interference by the federal government. Make the right choice. Make 2000 the year that together we end the prohibition of drugs in America.

by Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer

I mourn for the children of Ismael Mena who tonight and every night go to bed without a father. They are the victims of America's War on Drugs.

As a physician, a doctor, and above all a healer, I mourn for my own patients instead of treating them. My hands are tied. Every day across America, men, women, and children are dying of cancer, AIDS and other diseases while I am prevented BY LAW to prescribe or even tell them about drugs that will help relieve their pain and suffering and may prolong their lives. These are the victims of America's War on Drugs.

I mourn for the infants I have delivered with HIV. Babies who are more likely to die of AIDS than reach there 18th birthday because they had the misfortune to be born where the distribution of clean needles is a crime. These are the victims of America's War on Drugs. I mourn for every drug addict who receives jail time instead of proper medical care. These are the victims of America's War on Drugs.

In our great state of Colorado there is a mandatory minimum sentence of 24 YEARS for growing a large amount of marijuana... 24 years in jail for growing plants! Yet a convicted murderer can be eligible for parole in 7 years. Every time a murderer, a rapist, or a child molester is released from our overcrowded prison system to make room for a nonviolent drug offender we ALL become victims of America's War on Drugs. Every day when a police officer is diverted from protecting us, protecting our children from violent crime to enforcing a drug law, YOU may become another victim of America's War on Drugs.

Only the Libertarian Party has the courage to tell you: America's War on Drugs is America's war on its own people. Only the Libertarian Party offers a solution. Let us end America's War on Drugs. Let us create a safe, sane, scientific drug policy where adults are treated as adults. Let us return our police officers to protecting our safety, protecting our children. Only the Libertarian Party has the courage to say: Let us end America's War on Drugs.

I hope you will join me in telling our government we do not want the drug war.

Let us start by voting for the medical marijuana bill. Let us send a message and vote Libertarian for every level of government from sheriff and city council to state government to the office of the presidency. We have a choice. We have the Libertarian Party.

Let us end America's War on Drugs. Let us be victims no more!

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# Oppose Drug Prohibition AND Disarmament

by Ari Armstrong

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once put it, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." One cannot attack some civil rights and hope to retain others. Our civil liberties are interdependent. When one article of the Bill of Rights is threatened, all are threatened.

Unfortunately, power elitists have effectively divided the American civil rights movement into two warring factions. Those on the traditional "left," such as the American Civil Liberties Union, denigrate the civil right to keep and bear small arms, while those on the "right," such as the National Rifle Association, demand that ever more non-violent drug offenders be warehoused in America's prison system.

The only winners in this conflict are those who control the machinery of the expansive state. The losers are the Bill of Rights and the people it was intended to protect. If the civil rights movement in America remains fractured, with various factions constantly ripping each other to shreds, it ultimately will be conquered and replaced by those who clamor for authoritarianism.

Blinded by dogma and bigotry, representatives of both sides of the civil rights divide demonize each other and compete in advocating stiffer laws infringing the favored rights of the other side. Too many civil arms advocates blame social ills on drug users and stigmatize those who call for an end to drug prohibition. Meanwhile, many who favor a repeal of drug prohibition demonize gun owners and propagate flagrant lies about civil arms.

Yet both sides are ultimately fighting for the same cause: to restore civil liberties and return to a more peaceful, less corrupt society.

Those who oppose prohibition realize that anti-drug laws don't achieve the desired results. The drug war has not made American streets safe from drugs; instead it has made drugs more dangerous and it has perpetuated gang warfare. The unintended consequences of drug prohibition have taken a heavy toll on American society. Yet many who oppose drug prohibition adopt the utopian dream that gun prohibition will somehow work to the betterment of society.

Those who oppose disarmament laws realize such laws don't stop criminals, but instead empower police agencies to harass innocent citizens and diminish the civil right of self-defense. Yet many who oppose disarmament laws blindly call for harsher drug laws, even though both types of laws result in unintended bad consequences.

The Constitution is in tatters because of the war on drugs and the associated war on guns. Nowhere does the federal Constitution empower Congress to restrict either drugs or civil arms. Because of drug prohibition and the resulting war on guns, eight of the ten articles of the Bill of Rights have been flagrantly violated.

The First Amendment guarantee of the free exercise of religion has been overturned, insofar as a religion wishes to use a non-legal drug in its sacraments. The Second Amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms has been all but ignored. The Fourth Amendment right to secure property is smashed as militarized police forces bust down doors in the middle of the night to find "illegal drugs" and "illegal guns."

The Fifth Amendment guarantee of due process has been overrun as drug and gun warriors seize property without so much as filing charges. The Sixth Amendment right of a jury trial is similarly voided. The Eighth Amendment right to be free of cruel punishment is abrogated when non-violent drug and gun offenders are locked away to be gang-raped in prison for sentences exceeding those meted out to many murderers.

The Ninth Amendment no longer protects other rights "retained by the people;" the Tenth Amendment no longer delimits the scope of the federal government. The command-and-control policies of Washington, D.C. reign supreme.

Drug prohibition has always been the prime cause of the war on guns. Following alcohol prohibition in the early 1900s, Congress passed the National Firearms Act, the first piece of federal legislation limiting civil arms, explicitly because of the gang violence caused by prohibition. (The need to reassign prohibition agents to other tasks also may have played a role in the passage of that 1934 Act.) More recently, Bill Bennett and George Bush banned the importation of certain rifles explicitly because of the violent black market caused by drug prohibition. Today, a leading cause of homicide and street violence is drug prohibition, problems which will not be solved by passing even more prohibition laws on guns.

Both the drug war and the gun war have always hurt minorities and the poor the most. The NAACP used to urge its members to bear arms in order to defend against the violent racists of the KKK. The Jim Crow laws against blacks included disarmament laws that

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# Why Rapists Love Anti-Gun Million Mom March

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WASHINGTON, DC — Women who participated in the Million Mom March are making a terrible mistake by attacking guns instead of focusing on the women who have been raped or killed because of gun control laws, the Libertarian Party said.

"Sunday should be a day to mourn the victims of gun control — including the estimated 4,177 women who will be raped this year because it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon in their state," said Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach prior to the event.

"Instead, these marchers will demand more laws that will put more women at risk. Libertarians have to ask: What will it take to make the Million Mom marchers understand that criminals love women who hate guns?"

On Mother's Day, an estimated 150,000 people participated in the Million Mom March on the Mall in Washington, DC. They demanded what they call "common sense" gun laws — including mandatory trigger locks, gun licensing, limits on gun and ammunition purchases, an end to TV programs and movies that "glamorize" guns, more regulation of gun shows, and much more.

Unfortunately, such laws would just put more women at risk of being raped or killed, said Dasbach.

"It's impossible to count all the women who have already been victimized by anti-gun measures like waiting periods, handgun bans, and restrictions on the right to carry a weapon for self-defense," he said.

"However, we do know that at least 4,177 women are raped every year because of laws that make it illegal to carry a concealed weapon."

Violent crime dropped dramatically in 24 states that passed concealed-carry laws, allowing ordinary people to carry concealed handguns.

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left black people defenseless against violent racists. Indeed, one motive for passing the 14th Amendment was to overturn disarmament laws aimed at blacks. Other disarmament laws intentionally hurt other immigrant groups.

Today, minorities in the highest crime areas, where police protection is often weakest, most urgently need their civil rights of self-defense. Yet disarmament laws and the additional costs and legal hurdles they bring hurt poor communities especially.

Because of drug prohibition, America incarcerates a greater percentage of the population than any other nation on earth. Violent felons walk free in order to

The Lott-Mustard study, "Crime, Deterrence, and Right-to-Carry Concealed Handguns," found that in those states, rapes fell by 5.2%, murders were reduced by 7.65%, robberies fell by 2.2%, and aggravated assaults dropped by 7%.

Had other states passed similar concealed-carry laws, that 5.2% drop in rapes would have translated into an additional 4,000+ women annually who would not have been sexually assaulted. Instead, tragically, they were raped because politicians illegally infringed their right to defend themselves.

"The Million Mom March participants think they are sponsoring an anti-gun event. Instead, they are sponsoring a pro-rape event," said Dasbach. "If you listen carefully on Sunday, you just might hear the sound of rapists, stalkers, and wife-beaters cheering as they anticipate how much easier it will be to commit crimes against defenseless women."

If the marchers aren't willing to consider the past and future victims of gun-control laws, Libertarians will, said Dasbach.

"Libertarians will commemorate the women whose right not to be a crime victim was taken away from them," he said.

"Libertarians will remember the girls who never become mothers because their lives were cut short by criminal psychopaths. We will remember the mothers who lost children to gun-toting thugs because it was illegal for them to defend their families. And we will remember the women whose lives have been ravaged by rape, assault, or similar crimes.

"In short, we mourn the thousands of women who cannot march on Sunday — because they are the silent victims of the lethal laws and gun-control policies that the Million Mom March so loudly advocates."

make room for more non-violent drug offenders. Police are more likely to bust a black drug offender than a white drug offender, and the courts are more likely to put the black person in prison for longer sentences. Drug prohibition exacerbates the already difficult problems of poor and minority neighborhoods.

If civil libertarians of the left and civil libertarians of the right will stop demonizing one another and join forces for the betterment of all people, the resulting political movement will be unstoppable. We will restore America to its rightful place as the defender of minorities — all minorities — and of individual civil rights. If the sides continue in their myopic and mutually destructive struggles, both may lose to the police state. It's time to stand together.

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## Microsoft Ruling: More Costly than Bank Robbery

The Justice Department's plan to break up Microsoft is not just a bad legal decision — it's a case of "bureaucratic grand larceny" that has already stolen more wealth from Americans than all the bank robbers in history, the Libertarian Party charged today.

"Move over Jesse James, John Dillinger, and Willie Sutton. There's a new criminal in town that makes you look like amateurs — and it's the antitrust gang at the Justice Department," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director. "With its decision to eviscerate one of America's most successful high-tech corporations, the Justice Department has committed the most costly and malevolent act of economic vandalism in American history."

Specifically, the Justice Department's announcement last month that Microsoft broke antitrust law — and its decision last week to try to divide the Redmond, Washington-based corporation into two separate companies — caused a massive meltdown in technology stocks. According to financial experts, the plunge in the stock market cost American investors \$150 billion to \$208 billion in lost wealth.

By comparison, bank robbers steal "only" a few tens of millions of dollars a year, noted Dasbach. For example, the Justice Department reported that bank robbers stole \$28 million in cash in 1994.

"With its Microsoft decision, the Justice Department looted the savings and retirement funds of 80 million Americans who directly own Microsoft stock or invest in one of the 2,000 mutual funds that include Microsoft stock — proving that the Justice Department is more costly than any criminal gang," said Dasbach. "After all, it takes crooks a whole year to steal \$28 million from banks, but it took the government only one lawsuit to steal \$200 billion from Americans."

But was that harsh economic medicine necessary to "save" consumers from a predatory corporation?

The alleged victims don't think so, noted Dasbach: A new public opinion survey by the Harris Interactive

polling company found that 59% of Americans support Microsoft in the antitrust battle, and only 29% say the government is treating Microsoft fairly.

"What we have here is a classic victimless crime," he said. "The Justice Department is supposedly trying to rescue consumers from the clutches of an evil corporation — but consumers support the evil corporation. What does that tell you about the merits of the case?"

And there's another important group that disagrees with the rationale behind the antitrust lawsuit: American investors.

"The Justice Department claims that breaking up Microsoft will enhance competition and innovation," said Dasbach. "If investors agreed, the stock market would have risen after the Justice Department's antitrust announcement."

"At the very least, companies that compete with Microsoft and presumably would gain the most from its breakup — Sun Microsystems and others — would have benefited from the decision. Instead, their stocks took a drubbing, and their value plummeted."

"Clearly, investors are trying to send the government a message: Attacking successful corporations is not good for the economy."

Anyone who reviews the government's assault on Microsoft — and considers the economic damage, the negative reaction of the stock market, and the rejection by consumers — can reach only one conclusion, said Dasbach: The real criminal in this case is the Justice Department.

"When bank robbers steal your money, at least they have the honesty to admit they're just thieves," he said. "When the Justice Department destroys \$200 billion in wealth, it has the gall to claim that it is acting for our own good. That's the real crime — and the reason why the tax-funded political power of the Justice Department is far more dangerous than Microsoft will ever be."

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## Jefferson County Minutes

The Jefferson County affiliate held its monthly meeting on May 4. The main topic of business was the combining of several ideas into one event.

We plan to hold an outdoor picnic-like event sometime in the fall. We will invite all the candidates, make the appropriate efforts to get press coverage, which we hope will be energized by the attendance of

the LP Presidential nominee. Finally, we will try to get talk-show host Reggie Rivers to either act as Master of Ceremonies, or to cover the event, or perhaps run a remote call-in show from the site.

We need help. Anyone willing to work on this project or help contact Mr. Rivers please contact Tom Goonan at 303.202.9069 (leave message), or e-mail [tgoonan@sprintmail.com](mailto:tgoonan@sprintmail.com)



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## Information Overload!

by John K. Berntson, Public Information Director

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for electing me to this position and I would like to thank Ron Bain, my erstwhile opponent, for jumping right in and helping me get started. And thanks, too, to my predecessor, Craig Stinson, for all he did for me.

The way I see it, the Public Information job is to keep our party's name and positions in front of the press as often as possible. To that end, I plan to put out press releases on a weekly basis. No, not too many of our releases are going to get printed, certainly not by the big papers. Look at it as reporter education: we want to give the press new ways of looking at things, so that they might ask our questions when interviewing important people. In time, I hope to meet with some of the reporters personally, so I can explain our positions and, maybe, guilt them into attending some of our campaign functions in the autumn.

Now that I am in this position (I demand a recount!), let me tell you how you can help:

1) If you are the one doing this same job at the local level (media, press secretary, overworked chairman who also talks to press, whatever), I would like to hear from you. I want to know who you are, where you are, see copies of your releases, and, most importantly, I want to know who your press contacts are. Nothing goes out of date quite as fast as a media list. Tell me who does the political reporting at your local television station and your local paper. Tell me about the local radio talk show host, what his views are, and

when he is on. Tell me about the morning DJ who likes to read inflammatory articles on the air. Tell me about the tiny neighborhood paper and give me all the contact information you can find.

2) If you are in an area that doesn't have a local affiliate, could I get you to take on the above tasks yourself? These are the places where we need to be heard the most.

3) Are you somebody's campaign manager or media liaison? Let me know. We need to coordinate our efforts where possible.

4) Keep those Letters to the Editors flowing. This is a presidential election year and we need to keep the "L" word in front of people's eyes as often as possible.

5) Part of my job is maintaining a speaker's bureau, basically a list of people willing to go talk to the Rotary Club or anyone else who wants to hear about us. We are well covered in the Denver Metro area and in Colorado Springs, but other parts of the state may also need speakers. Can you speak reasonably well? Can you answer questions without disemboweling the questioner? If so, let me know and I will put you on the list. I can even help you put together a speech.

This is going to be a very busy year and I will need a lot of help. The good part is that most of the help I need can be done now, rather than during the busy campaign season. Please call me at 719.532.0118 or e-mail me at JKBColoSp@aol.com.

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give the press  
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that they might  
ask our  
questions when  
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## Publications Update: Web Page Progresses

by Ari Armstrong

• Would you prefer to give up your paper *Colorado Liberty* and read the publication on-line at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org)? David Bryant is now able to make that happen. Send him an e-mail at [davidbryant@worldnet.att.net](mailto:davidbryant@worldnet.att.net) with your request. You'll receive a monthly reminder via e-mail. But even if you read the *Liberty* on-line, you still might want to get the paper edition to give away to your friends. Eventually, past issues of the *Liberty* will be added to the web page.

• If you haven't yet seen the new state LP web page, please take a look at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org). You can read all of John Berntson's recent press releases there as well as articles from the *Liberty*. The web page will be updated to include candidate information, news about the speakers bureau, and more.

• If you've got e-mail but you're not on the state LP discussion list, please join! See the web page for details. Stay abreast of the latest news and action alerts. If you need to update your address, telephone, or e-mail information with the party, please contact David Bryant at 303.744.6577 or [davidbryant@worldnet.att.net](mailto:davidbryant@worldnet.att.net).

• Please help keep both the *Liberty* and the web page as complete and accurate as possible. If you help run an affiliate group, please send monthly updates of your activities. Help update the calendar. Write letters and articles. Send photos, either digitized or through the mail. The final deadline for all materials is the third Saturday of each month. Please send photos and text-only articles to [ariarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:ariarmstrong@hotmail.com). For regular post, mail to state headquarters or to Ari Armstrong, Box 1034, Arvada, CO 80001.



Debra Collins, the Colorado coordinator of the Armed Informed Mothers, spoke at the rally in Washington. "If it saves just one life, it's worth it," she said, "and my gun saved my life." Collins used her gun to defend against an attacker at her home.

The "Million Mom" organization is a front group of the Bell Campaign, a radical disarmament group based in San Francisco that wants to confiscate certain types of rifles, register all handgun owners with government agencies, ban normal capacity magazines, and mandate firearms storage. Such storage laws have been termed "lock up your safety" or "rapist protection" laws by civil arms advocates because the mandates can render firearms useless for self-defense.

While the Second Amendment Sisters and like-minded groups are both armed and informed, some of their opponents are neither. Glazer asked one anti-gun mom if she had read the Constitution or the history of civil arms. The anti-gun mom replied, "Oh, just shut up."

Sometime-libertarian Camille Paglia made the observation, "It doesn't take a weatherman to figure out that the average citizen doesn't want national policy determined by packs of weeping women led by a shrill, dimwitted talk-show host (Hillary sycophant Rosie O'Donnell)."

## Unintended Consequences

by Tom Goonan

Greetings: I am the new Legislative Director for the Colorado Libertarian Party. This position went unfilled last year, but we have had some pretty successful past directors. Last week, I convened a group of experts, including David Bryant, Jack Randall, David Aitken, and Judd Ptak, to talk about making this a really meaningful job. One of the items of discussion was the idea to have a regular column in the Colorado Liberty to cover legislation.

I want to not only explain what is happening at the capitol, but also include an analysis of the libertarian position on the legislation. Furthermore, I would like to make some predictions, based on what we know happens when the state gets into things, about the "unintended consequences" we can expect to occur when bad legislation is passed. This column will be getting into these things as we go forward. The legislature is out until January, so I will have time to analyze the legislation that passed in the last session, and to get acquainted with the process.

I am hoping to do many more things than one person can possibly do, so, that means I will be needing help. If you would like to be a part of a team to cover

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## Final Notes...

BetteRose Smith met with high school students in **Grand Junction** May 20 to discuss a new youth Libertarian affiliate. Norm Olson reports the LP has yet to **find candidates** for 60 state legislature seats — call Norm at 303.252.9090 for more information.

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4 <b>Tanner Gun Show</b> Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153	5 Boulder, noon. Call Ron Bain: 303.443.9179 <b>Southside</b> , 7pm. Call Bennett Rutledge: 303.740.8690	6 Fort Collins Breakfast, 7 am at Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S College Ave. Call Lee Smith: 970.635.0395	7 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. 719.596.6799 <b>Broomfield</b> 7pm. Call Wright Morgan: 303.465.9676	8 Boulder LPBC Board Meeting, 6:30 pm. Cheng's Chinese, 480 W Dahlia in Louisville. Call Ron Bain: 303.443.9179	9	10 Denver Breakfast LePeep's, 8 am. 303.831.4334
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